

Griffins Have Chance to Gain Victory in Final Today

WOULD GIVE 8 OUT OF 15

Francis Will Be Assigned Task of Turning Back White Sox, who Were Beaten Yesterday in Thirteen Innings, 9 to 6.

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

CHICAGO, June 21.—After repeatedly turning a deaf ear to the knocks of Old Man Opportunity, the Nationals finally gave heed in the thirteenth inning of yesterday's embroglio with the White Sox, and battered three runners around the circuit to win by 9 to 6. As a result they regained fifth place from the Comiskeyites, evened up their wins and losses for the current tour and stand a chance to return home in the first division.

Francis will oppose Gleason's men in the final battle at the South Side park today, and it will depend largely upon the measure in which he delivers whether the Griffins emerge from their first invasion of the west on the long or short end, the fourteen games they have played to date leaving them tied at seven won and as many lost. He will draw a tough foe in the person of Charley Robertson, the no-hit performer, but a little thing like that will not worry the Seattle southpaw.

The frequency with which openings for runs were neglected by the Nationals yesterday is apparent from the fact that no less than sixteen of them were stranded on the paths, but with Zachary hurling runless ball after being sent to the relief of Erickson in the thirteenth inning, the Nationals lengthened on Comiskey Park today they decided it was time to reward Jasebel, when the thirteenth inning opened with a lead of three runs.

Faber Is Losing Hurler. It was Urban Faber, summoned after both Levereite and Hodge were knocked out of the box, who was victimized. Rice, a demon on both attack and defense all afternoon, started the fruitful rally with a safety to right, which he followed up with a double by rabbitlike speed and a fine fall-away slide. He moved to third when Shelly muffed up Shanks' sacrifice bunt, and scored the run that would have been sufficient for victory when Harris rapped a safety to right. But, to make matters worse, he followed with two unsuccessful efforts to bunt, poked a double to right that cashed Shanks and Harris, and no one excepted, while Collins scored a double play by a fine catch of Judge's Texas leaguer, after Charley sacrificed and Zachary walked.

Two Griffithian errors, only one of which will go into the record books, however, ended the day's play. The first was a misplay by Rice, who, in a race of tallies in the opener, With Johnson and Mulligan set down, Collins wasted a little fly between home and first, and the sun stymied Judge, who yelled for Charley to take it. But Rice, instead of taking it and Hooper then singled, the former taking third and scoring when Shanks, due to a combination of sun and wind, heaved a fly into the outfield, which was caught by Collins, who dropped Mostil's little fly. With Erickson taking his regulation, long wind-up, he pitched to a double by Shelly, clearly beating Olaf's delivery to the plate. Mostil was left on first, and the Sox were in the lead. The Sox first round was wasted when Sam was walked by Shanks, and a single by Shelly, which was followed by a sacrifice bunt by Levereite, was taken for four runs in the inning before that. Shanks and Harris both drilled safeties through Mulligan. A walk to Brower, who was caught on a double by Shelly, and two of them with a walk that struck the left-field screen on the fly, netting a run, and a sacrifice bunt by Shelly for the second time Judge cashed an out-pair with a crack of similar proportions in the same sector. Peck then rolled to Johnson.

Aided to Run in Fifth. A most propitious start was made against Hodge, who went to the mound with the wind, and no one excepted, men to face him getting on the runways, yet, but for an error the Nationals would not have scored. The Sox run that fell to them. Milan and Smith both got bingles and Shanks walked to first. The Sox were in the lead. Johnson, Milan was forced at the plate. Brower then lined to center, and when Shelly, who had been walking, died at the plate when Charley bounded to Mulligan, and Eric left three on when he muffed up Shelly's sacrifice. Four rounds after the opener Erickson held the Sox at bay. He was threatened in the fifth, and reached second when Harris had the ball knocked out of his hands as he sacrificed a double play by tagging Shelly on the line, but nothing further developed. In the third inning, Collins' sacrifice bunt was walked by Hooper, who reached second when Mostil was credited with a hit on the line, and Shelly's sacrifice bunt bumped into a double play. Shelly got no farther than the initial sack after starting the Sox on the run. The Sox went out in order in the fifth, but registered a tally in the following frame, with two gone out, a double by Shelly, and a sacrifice bunt by Shelly.

Add a Tally in Seventh. The Griffins got this one back in the seventh on Rice's sacrifice and Harris' sacrifice bunt. Collins' glove, which Johnson felled in time to catch Stan's sacrifice bunt, was sent to center, but was left by Charley. Foolish baserunning by Erickson cost a chance to score. Shelly was walked, and tried to pit his speed of foot against Hooper's arm. The result that he was tagged at third. Erick's failure to attend to his duties in the bag end of this frame, however, allowing the Sox to tie the score, was a very unfortunate misplay. The Sox went out in order in the fifth, but registered a tally in the following frame, with two gone out, a double by Shelly, and a sacrifice bunt by Shelly.

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CHICAGO, June 21.—Something, perhaps, is in the air. The old home in Milwaukee, where the battle was fought, is now being visited by a general rejuvenation, and tonight's sparkling victory by drawing a walk and clicking off five hits in seven innings, his Sox coming out victoriously.

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